

## Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

### Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of claims 5 and 6 is noted with appreciation. Claims 5 and 6 have been rewritten in independent form and amended as deemed appropriate to provide for proper antecedents for terms therein set forth. Claims 5 and 6 are now believed to be in proper form for allowance.

### **Claim Objections**

Regarding the objection of claims 7-10, claim 7 has been cancelled and claim 11 has been added. Claim 11 recites the language of originally filed claim 7. Due to a typographical error in the preliminary amendment filed October 24, 2001, amended claim 8 was inadvertently numbered claim 7. Therefore, inadvertently amended claim 7 has been cancelled, and new claim 11 has been added to replace original claim 7. In addition, claim 8 now has correctly been amended to be singularly dependent.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102**

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,220,832 to Petruccello (Petruccello). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

As amended, claim 1 recites a connecting element for releasably connecting of a first part with a second part, comprising *inter alia* at least one release member extending outwardly of the housing for manually acting onto the at least one latching means to release the slide from the second position for unlatching the releasable connection between the engaging element and the receiving element in order to separate the two parts from each other.

In contrast, Petruccello describes a motion transmitting remote control assembly 10 which includes a conduit 12 and a motion transmitting core element 14 moveable


longitudinally within the conduit 12 to transmit motion. A slide member 70 can slide within a frame 38 from an unlocked position shown in Fig. 2 to a locked position shown in Figure 3, is shown. The "locking" and "unlocking" relates to the adjustment of the assembly and not to any releasable connection that enables separation of two parts from each other. Similarly, the slide member 70 provides for adjustment of the assembly and not for any releasable connection of a first part with a second part.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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